**Key facts of the Irish Civil War:**

 \*The Irish wanted their independence from Great Britain.

\*After fighting with Great Britain, in 1922 Irish leaders sign a treaty with Britain.

\*That treaty said that Ireland would be a “free state” meaning that it would have some independence but still be a part of (or territory of) Great Britain (like Canada). Most people were okay with this.

\*Some people were angry over the treaty. They still wanted an independent republic. They were known as the Irish Republican Army (IRA)

\*Those people who were pro-treaty and were okay with being a part of Britain were called the “Free Staters”.

\*A civil war began between the two fighting Irish groups. The IRA didn’t gain much ground, so it began guerrilla warfare across Ireland.

\*But by 1923-The war is over. The Pro-treaty Free Staters win. Though Ireland remained a part of Great Britain n 1923, by 1949 Ireland became a totally independent republic. The northern part of Ireland remained loyal to Great Britain.

\*The IRA remains in existence and even in the 2000s was responsible for bombings and fighting in Northern Ireland.